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Louisiana Board of Ethics PO Box4368 Baton Rouge, La 70821

Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter to request ruling relating to Louisiana ethics laws. I am William Larry Gay residing at 655 S. Military Road, Slidell Louisiana 70461. I currently serve as a Commissioner for St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1. I am appointed by the St. Tammany Parish Council. As you know statuate required that the district is governed by two commissioners appointed by the city of Slidell and two Commissioners appointed by St Tammany Parish. Those four than select a fifth Commissioner who serves as Chair.

Our Chair has announced their intention to resign after the July Commissioner's Meeting. I am requesting a ruling as to whether one of the four appointed Commissioners can step down and be appointed Chair? Louisiana Revised Statute 42: 1121 A(2) states "No former member of a board or commission shall, for a period of two years following the termination of his public service on such board or commission, contract with, be employed in any capacity by ,or be appointed to any position by that board or commission." Does this statute preclude any current commissioner from becoming Chair? Time is of the essence on this ruling since we will likely be making an appointment in the next 60 days I await the Boards response.

Thank you for your consideration of this question.

William Larry Gay

Commissioner

St Tammany Fire Protection District #1

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